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These references are relevant because they are cited in the Search Report of the European Patent Office in a corresponding application.

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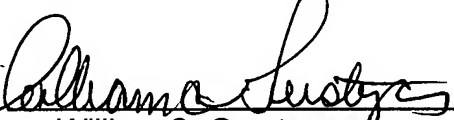
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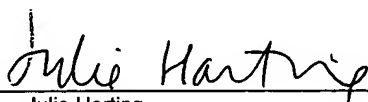
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